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 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33 (b).
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6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program *(Appendix)*
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 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
 - b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copy

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Prior application: Examiner C. NguyenArt Unit 2831Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 08/910,509 filed on August 2, 1997.

of Noah P. Montena

(inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for Connector and Method of Operation

(title of invention)

1. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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2. ☒ Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

3. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence: This is a continuation of application no. 08/910,509, filed August 2, 1997.

- 4a. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon the prior application as of the filing date accorded this

application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.

- 4b. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 4c. ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed.
- 5a. ☐ Priority of application no. filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- 5b. ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application no. , filed .
6. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to John Mezzalingua Associates, Inc..
- 7a. ☒ The Power of Attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application no. 08/910,509, filed August 2, 1997.
- 7b. ☐ Since the Power of Attorney does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the Power in prior application no. , filed is enclosed.
8. ☐ This application contains nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required to be disclosed in a Sequence Listing under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825. It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer readable form from prior application no., filed on be made a part of the present application as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). The sequences disclosed therein are the same as the sequences disclosed in this application. A copy of the paper Sequence Listing from application no. is enclosed.
9. ☐ The undersigned states, under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), that the content of the enclosed paper Sequence Listing from application no. is the same as the content of the computer readable form submitted in application no. .
10. ☐ Additional enclosures or instructions.

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